

The Mental Retardation Report Framework

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Abstract

The Mental Retardation Report Framework (MR Framework) is designed to assist in reporting the results of psychological evaluations of known or suspected mentally retarded patients. The program allows the psychologist to produce the framework of a report in less than five minutes, accepting keyboard input for free-form text, and mouse clicks for selecting from lists of choices. Input includes the psychologist's observations, the results of an interview, an adaptive behavior scale, and an intelligence test. The report may be edited with the program's basic text processing capabilities and printed from within the program, or saved to an ASCII file which can be loaded into the psychologist's favorite word processor.

Now in its third generation, the MR Framework reduces both errors of omission and errors of commission. Compared to earlier versions, the Framework gathers more information, includes on-line help and a brief tutorial in its use, is mouse aware, is considerably more flexible, and has a more contemporary user interface with pull-down menus.

The Framework requires 340k of RAM on an IBM compatible. The Framework is intended to be used by psychologists licensed at the independent practice level, with experience in the measures used. It is suitable for patients at least 16 years old. It is available to qualified psychologists at no charge.